

Next GARS meeting is

June 14, 2011

at NAMAR
2145 Duluth Hwy 120
Duluth, GA 30097

The **GARzette**

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A note from the President

June is always a huge month for amateur radio. It sure looks like this year will not disappoint! First let us talk about May.

We lost Dick Sandberg N9SXJ in May. He has been an active member of GARS for many years and had even been a GARS executive in the past. Volunteering to work for the club, to give up your radio, family, and recreational time to devote your efforts to the club tells everyone how you feel about amateur radio and our club. Dick had also been Field Day chairman, which is an important job and was also a fixture at the Saturday morning GARS breakfast. It is safe to say Dick loved GARS. He will be missed. (See "In Memory of..." on page 8, editor)

We had an outstanding turnout at the Dacula Memorial Day Parade. A big Thank You goes out to Earl Whatley AF4FG for organizing our part in this event. We do a great job with it and this stands as an excellent example of what the Amateur Radio Service is all about. Wear your orange GARS hat to the June meeting and receive an extra raffle ticket.

We start off June with the Atlanta Radio Club's hamfest. This should be a great one, and our GARS hats are off to them because this year marks their 100th anniversary. What an amazing feat for their organization. A century of service says volumes about their organization. It is hard to guess the future, but I *hope* some day there will be a group celebrating 100 years of GARS. No doubt they would read our Garzette archives and laugh at how antiquated our radios, the bands, our clothes in the pictures, and even our writing is. "DC to Daylight" radios will no doubt have a completely different meaning! I bet they will also have a cure for baldness by then and find *some* people's pictures quite amusing.

On June 11th at 1PM we have our RDF or "Fox Hunting" antenna build at Lowes in

Suwanee. That should be a lot of fun and I hope we have a great turn out. I already have the foxes at this writing and am looking forward to the fox hunt at Lowes after the build. If you did not pre-register for the event you can still come out and watch the build.

Please join us for Field Day June 25th and 26th. GARS does a great job with antennas, radios, food, drinks, and all the rest. If you have not been to a Field Day before, it is something you really MUST come out and enjoy with us. You will learn so much, have a great time, and you will be well fed too! If you have been to a GARS Field Day before, then I probably do not need to persuade you (most of us have probably been planning to come since last year). We had over 100 visitors sign our guest register last year, and I hope we get at least that many again this year. This year we will have ice cream at midnight and we will also have a "fox" on site. David Adcock, KA4KKF, is our Field Day Chairman this year and he always does a great job. Thanks David!

Our new meeting location NAMAR was great for our May meeting, and that is where we are meeting in June. It is a really nice facility and I think everyone will enjoy meeting there, hopefully for a long time. Please remember to park out back and leave the spots out front for folks who cannot walk very far. This month, we will ask them to turn the air conditioners on earlier.

I do not think there is a single bad month for Amateur Radio, but June is certainly one of the best.

Wishing you good health, good wealth, and good hamming,

Kyle W4KDA



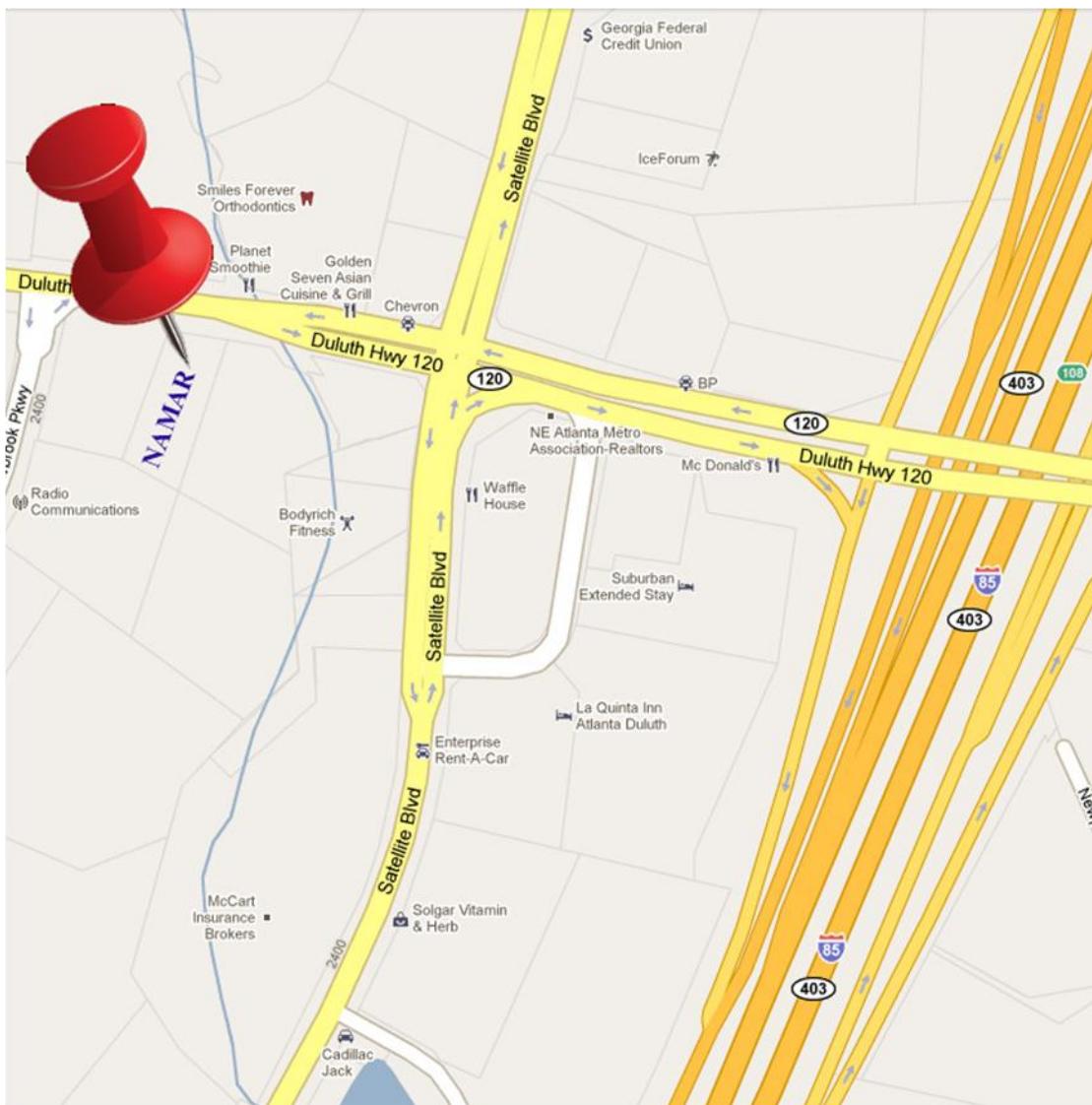
GARS

New Meeting Location

Tuesday June 14th, 2011 7:00PM

NAMAR

2145 Duluth Hwy 120
Duluth, GA 30097
(where the red pin is)



There are 100 parking spots at NAMAR. Let's please leave the spots out front for our members who cannot walk very far. If you are able to walk a couple hundred feet, then *please park in back and save the front spots for those with difficulty walking long distances*. We have been asked to **enter through the front door**.

2011 DACULA MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

It was **HOT!** But 149 parade participants comprised of approximately 300 vehicles and 900 people still showed up. All were placed in their proper positions and moved out on time and in the proper order by 33 GARS members wearing funny orange hats. It was a job well done, for the 18th time.

It started the Sunday before the holiday when Steve - WB2OGY, David - KA4KKF, Bill - WB4WTN, Jeff - AB4HF and Earl - AF4FG showed up at the Hebron Baptist Church parking lot to set up the headquarters tent and the flags that were to direct the participants to their proper staging position. Monday morning 28 other GARS members showed up to marshal the parade. All of us wore an orange hat, exclusive to those who helped, so that participants could identify those who knew where they were to go. All participants were emailed instructions this year so they knew which entry to use and who to look for when they needed instructions.

Except for 40 minutes when the police shut down the only road into the staging area (for the 5K race) things went smoothly. When they opened the road again we

were slammed, but thanks to our training and the proper use of radios we still managed to get everyone lined up and we started on time.

Marvin Atherton, the parade organizer sent the following message to pass on to GARS:

"I want to give a special Thank You to all of the GARS members that helped with staging and lineup of the Memorial Day parade in Dacula again this year. Thank you for taking time out of your holiday to help and for your continued involvement with this event in Dacula. Without GARS this parade would not be possible! You all do a great job year after year!"

It was fun and good training. And we performed a service for one of the communities in our area. People from all over Gwinnett County saw us in action and should have a better understanding of our club and amateur radio.

Special thanks go to all those who helped.

David Adcock - KA4KKF

Kyle Albritton - W4KDA

Karen Albritton - KI4HPP

Sandy Jackson - KJ4DRO

Hal Collier - W4IGE

Hope Collier

Bill Cherepy - W4WTN

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Harold Hawkins - KD8DVY

Liz Hawkins

Bill Stewman - W5RQR

Steve Back - WB2OGY

Brian Siegmund - KF4MWI

Carlton McPherson - WA4ZUW

Steve Richardson - N4STR

Chris Fowler - K4FH

Ryan Haney - KF4DRN

Norm Schklar - WA4ZXV

Ken Dalton - KI4BQS

Jeff Cutchins - AB4HF

Joel Barrett - W4JOL

Larry Long - K9LAR

Nathan Davison - KE5HSK

Ralph Pickwick - KJ4CNC

Earl Whatley - AF4FG

By the way, it was hot!

73, *Earl Whatley* – AF4FG



Memorial Day Parade Pictures



Did I say IT WAS HOT!!! ??

ATLANTA HAMFEST PHOTOS

Held Saturday June 4th, 2011
Jim Miller Park, Marietta, GA



New "AV Chairman" Position Created

GARS has considered doing this for a few years and finally are biting the bullet and making it happen. Jeff Cutchins AB4HF is spearheading our effort to have more audio visual presence at GARS.

The goal is to stream live video at our events and meetings, to record events, store audio clips, and pictures for posterity. Jeff will be our chairman for this new effort. He is looking for chair people to help him and is planning on having two teams. The one criteria I insisted on is that if this becomes a "job" and stops being "fun" or creates a hassle at events we will stop doing it right away. But I do hope things pan out.



This can be a great tool for interesting new people in amateur radio, GARS, and for historical reasons too. If you are interested in taking pictures, shooting videos, editing, and things of that nature please see Jeff and let him know you would like to participate.

Kyle W4KDA



MORSE CODE - THE NEW AND EXCITING MODE

By Sid, N4NQ

Well, maybe Morse Code (CW), is not really new. After all it has been around for over one hundred years. But it is exciting. The "Blue Lightning" presentation at our recent GARS meeting surely demonstrated that CW is not new. But you must admit "Blue Lightning" was exciting.

What I would like to do in this short article is convey some of my "new" excitement over using CW in my Amateur Radio ops. First, let me give a little background. Like a lot of us I first became interested in radio back in 1958 in Boy Scouts. I built a crystal radio receiver and it was the beginning of my fascination with radio. But, I didn't do anything with it.

In 1964 I enlisted in the Marine Corps. I was subjected to a bunch of testing in boot camp, one of which was the recording of dits in a column. The first column was for 1 dit, the second column was for 2 dits and the third column was for 3 dits. All I had to do was put a mark in the appropriate column when I heard the dits on the earphones. I guess I did all right because the government decided I would be a radio telegraph operator. So, after boot camp and Infantry Training, I attended radio school for 16 weeks where I spent 8 hours a day with headphones on, learning CW.

When you listen to CW 8 hours a day you begin to dream in CW at night. Well, I graduated and was certified at 16 WPM. I spent the rest of my four years packing a radio around on my back. We did a lot of voice comms guiding helicopters into landing zones to evacuate the wounded from the field and calling in air strikes from our friendly Navy at sea. But we did not do too much with CW. I did stand a few watches on CW when we couldn't communicate using voice. Most of that CW was five letter code groups. It was not the stimulating conversation we HAMs do with CW.

So, when I left the Marines I was not particularly anxious to do much with radio. It was after college before I finally gravitated back. The interest had not died out, only dimmed down a bit. I joined the Yakima, Washington Radio Club and tested for Novice there. A bit less than a year later I tested for General. Back then you had a year to advance to General or lose your license. Of course I had to pass the 13 WPM code exam and had no problem with that.

But, I did not use code from then up until this past November, 2010. I had become interested in PSK and used that for about a year. But, even though I could work the world on only 25 watts or so, I got tired of the "canned" exchanges most HAMs sent out on that mode.

I stumbled across my old J38 telegraph key one day, dusted it off and plugged it into my rig. I had never even tried CW on my new FT 450 and thought it might be kind of fun to mess with it. I had no intention of becoming active on CW at that time. It was just something to do on a boring Saturday.

I cut off the "break-in" and used the keyer to just send code that would not go out on the air. Lo and behold, I could still manage to send stuff. Surprised me! So, after practicing a bit I tuned around between 7.100 and 7.120 where I knew there were guys that would probably go slow for me, found a few stations that were not going fast, and found I was able to copy them. I think I was able to do pretty well at around 8 WPM, certainly not much faster.

It took a while, but I worked up the courage to make a contact or two. I was off and running, or maybe walking, but I was off. I plodded along at a slow pace on 40 meters for a few weeks. Gradually I was coming to like this "new" mode of CW. It was sure a lot different than back in the military days. Guys on here actually wanted to talk about things in their lives and at least pretended to be interested in things in my life.

So, I decided that if I am going to get serious about this new CW stuff I need to improve. First of all 8 WPM does not cut it. I needed to get a lot better at copying.

My approach to improving was a two prong strategy. First, get on the air every day and make at least 3 contacts. I thought that would be easy. But actually there were a lot of days when the band conditions just were no good and I couldn't hear or raise anyone. Still, it is a good goal.

The quickest way to improve is to get on the air and use it. In addition to being able to copy you have to work to hear weak stations through all the static and interference from other stations and you have to learn all the procedures and jargon of CW. I did not know that it was two languages in one. First there is the dit and dah of the code to learn, then you have to learn what QTH, QRM, QRN, QRS, QRT, QSL, QRG and all the rest of these strange new words mean. And who knew that CUL meant See you Later and TNX means thanks or TU means Thank You. Cheat sheets help, but getting on the air is the best way to learn all of it.

Then my second strategy was my computer. I knew there were programs out there that would help me so I began to search around. I explored quite a few but the one I settled on that helps me the most is called "CWPlayer" (<http://www.southgatarc.org/articles/morsetutor.htm>). It has a pretty good set of lessons that let you learn a few letters at a time and practice them then add a few more letters and you can control the speed of the letters, spacing between words and so forth. That is great but the thing I like about it is that it lets me play a text file back for practice. The program is free too.

What I do is go onto the Internet and find something like an article on the history of telegraph in California (my current one) do a cut and paste into Wordpad then save it as a plain text file into the "cwplayer" directory. I usually modify the file to take out the quotation marks, semi-colons and other stuff that I don't intend to learn in CW because they are not used. Then I place a string

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of periods after each set of three or four sentences to give me a break point. When I click on "play file" to play back the file I

pause at each break point for a bit of a rest. The concentration on the speed increases at each practice is a bit much for this old brain and it needs rest.

While I am resting I get on the air and listen for someone calling CQ at my speed or send out a few CQ's of my own. If I am lucky I make a QSO then I get back to cwplayer and listen to another set of practice code. Back and forth seems to help me the most but your mileage may vary.

I am up to about 14 WPM now and have even worked up the courage to get on 20 meters and try to play with the big boys down on the low end. They are serious DX'ers down there and some of them don't slow down for you but hey that's ok. I just say my 73 and move on to another area or go back to 40M in the slow area.

I joined the SKCC (Straight Key Century Club) a few months ago and just recently achieved "Tribune". SKCC gives you a nice certificate for having contacts via CW using a straight key or bug with one hundred other SKCC members. You get the "Centurion" award for one hundred QSO's. Then the next award for contacting 50 more members who are either "Centurions" or "Tribunes" is the "Tribune" award and certificate. It is not a big deal but it is a nice bit of encouragement and the club is free to anyone who wants to play.

Last month I signed up for the "FISTS" club. The say "When you have worked a FISTS, you have worked a Friend." Nice motto don't you think?

As I said at the start this new CW stuff is exciting. CW is a mode of operation that is most satisfying. After spending lots of hours practicing and cursing CW to finally make good long "rag chews" on CW is a rare pleasure. CW is nice and slow and that is something I find I need in this fast moving world of ours.

Combined with my other contacts I only lack Alaska now for my WAS award and I have 42 countries confirmed on LOTW. HAM radio is a new and exciting life for me now.

Give CW a try. You might like it.

73 - Sid, N4NQ

If you want to call me (770)871-5122, or send me email (N4NQ@ARRL.NET), I will be glad to help you out with CW. Right now I am sort of mentoring my brother Dennis Weaver, KJ4ZUA. He recently got his license and intends to work CW. He knows the letters but is a bit reluctant to get on the air with me, but I am working on him.



IN MEMORY OF...

ARTHUR "DICK" SANDBERG — N9SJX — SK

Arthur "Dick" Richard Sandberg, 65, of Lawrenceville, GA passed away Friday, May 20, 2011 at his residence. Survivors include his wife, Rosane Sandberg of Lawrenceville, GA; Son, Patrick, of Chicago, IL; Sister, Joan Hunt of Chicago, IL. Arthur served in the U.S. Coast Guard and graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Masters in Audio/Visual and was a member of the Delta Chi National Fraternity. Services to be held in Paxton, IL at a later date. Wages & Sons Gwinnett Chapel, 1031 Lawrenceville Hwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30046, 770-277-4550.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.wagesandsons.com

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I originally wrote this piece several years ago. I don't know why, but I pictured Dick Sandberg in my head when I wrote part of it. His untimely passing reminded me of this piece and I decided to dig it back out, update it, and share it with you all. I hope you enjoy it.

Field Day Heaven

by
Kyle W4KDA

Rev 2011

Field day is extraordinary. For many of us, radio keeps us away from family, while connecting us with ham friends. But field day is a special moment in time that can bring family, friends, and radio all together in one place. Field day is a contest, and it is intended to teach us about emergency communications (operating equipment in the field), but it is SO much more than that.

When I think about field day, I generally don't think about a specific story. Instead, my mind is filled with the images which are repeated in hundreds of places across the country every year. For us at Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society near Atlanta Georgia, our club makes Field day a large scale, family oriented event. Every year, it is overwhelming and impressive at the site on Saturday morning, especially to new hams. We have antennas in the air – lots of them! Wire antennas, sometimes beams on temporary towers with rotators. A massive tangle of feedlines snake their way all around the site. The whole time there are people moving around. Like ants, they seem well coordinated yet look chaotic at the same time. You see people are setting up temporary radio stations, food, beverages, tents, chairs, computers for logging, and generator power.

Later the contest begins, hams get to business, the temperature rises, and the kids are found playing not far away. Now there is unpredictable movement, laughter and shrieking as the children play a make-shift game. The wives by this time have mostly gathered in small groups talking and shaking their heads,

except for the special few donning headsets and calling, "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day..." As the sunny afternoon lingers on, time becomes a blur as bursts of laughter are heard, the older members sit, talk, and enjoy a cold drink together in the shade of a hot summer day. Sometimes I lean back away from the radio and just enjoy the warm breeze coming off the lake.

Suddenly, there is a bit of action, and a burst of laughter. Someone just played a joke, and now two 50 year old men are chasing each other around the park like a pair of teenagers. Then, deep in the solar cycle, someone yells, "Hey, six meters is open!" and a crowd gathers around. Without disturbing the operator and logger, one of the senior members quietly explains to the new and non hams that this six meter opening is rare. Even though they may not know exactly what it means, everyone feels the excitement in the air.

As the afternoon marches on, I realize I smell charcoal smoke in the breeze as the grills are being readied for the big extended family barbecue. What? Supper already?!? Where did the afternoon go? The fragrance of seared meat fills my nose, and another smell teases my senses. I pause for a moment and try to place the smell; it is warmed apple pie! Someone brought pie this year! I hear "CQ apple pie, CQ apple pie" in my head and chuckle to myself as I am drawn to the big pavilion.

Laughter, good food, friends, fun, and radio. I hope they have Field day in heaven.



G A R S F i e l d D a y

June 25 - 26, 2011



Welcome GARS members, families, and friends to Field Day 2011!

We will have breakfast lunch and dinner and midrats on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. You are welcome to come out and work a station and have fun, visit with friends, and partake in the activities. There will be antenna building, ve session, and fox hunting.

Bring the whole family for a fun time at Field Day.



The GARzette

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If possible bring your articles to the monthly meeting in Microsoft Word or rich text (.rtf) or text or HTML format or by email to n4gyn@arrl.net. Artwork can be accepted in most any graphics format and can be submitted via email to the same address. Alternate means of submittal can be arranged when necessary.

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For additional information view our Website at: <http://www.gars.org>

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GARS Email Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS/>

Join the GARS Yahoo Group if you are not already a member. To do so, go to the GARS Yahoo Group web site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS/>) and then click on the Join This Group! link on the main page.

If you have joined the group, you can Post a message by sending an email to GARS@yahoogroups.com

The Yahoo Group is for GARS friends and members to share information, ask questions, and make announcements.

This is your group and each member is welcome to post questions or comments relating to amateur radio. Use it! With all the new hams in the area, this is great place to ask for help. There's someone out there reading the emails that can help.

To Learn & Have Fun



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- Multiple nets every week
- Gigantic Field Day
- Large, Active, Diverse Club
- Family Oriented

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BEST Caption submitted by Tom, WA1RHP
Uhhh, Peter you're 599 here on Field-Day, but I missed your call, RST, QTH, and class.

JOIN ARRL - OR - RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP THROUGH GARS

Help the GARS Treasury by applying for ARRL membership or renewing your ARRL membership through GARS. By applying for ARRL membership through GARS we are able to keep \$15.00 of the normal membership fee for our Treasury. We can keep \$2.00 from each renewal.

Show your support for both organizations by applying through GARS.

Ralph Pickwick – KJ4CNC, GARS Treasurer, will have the ARRL applications at the monthly meetings for your use. We only ask that you don't wait till the last minute to renew, as we will only be sending the applications to ARRL on a monthly basis. We will only be accepting personal checks with the applications (no PayPal).

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Ralph at KJ4CNC@arrl.net.



UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

07/30/2011 | [Newton County Hamfest](#)

Location: Covington, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Newton County Radio Club

Website: <http://www.ncrcga.org>



08/20/2011 | [Alabama State Convention \(Huntsville Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Huntsville, AL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Huntsville Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamfest.org>

September ? NC Hamfest...?

10/08/2011 | [LaGrange Hamfest](#)

Location: LaGrange, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: LaGrange Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.lagrangeradioclub.org>

10/15/2011 | [Al Brock Memorial Hamfest/ Tailgate](#)

Location: Rome, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northwest Georgia Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w4vo.org>

11/5-6/2011 | [Stone Mountain Hamfest and Computer Expo](#)

Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: Local

Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club

Website: <http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>



BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You

If you are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology, Venture Crew 73 is for you.

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at NAMAR, 2145 Duluth Hwy 120, Duluth, GA 30097.
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

We enjoy:

- o Camping
- o Hiking
- o Horseback Riding
- o Shooting Sports

• Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.

• For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

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147.075(+) MHz	147.255(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone	107.2 PL Tone

APRS	6 Meter Repeater
144.390 -- 1200 Baud	53.110 (-1 MHz)
W4GR	82.5 PL Tone

D-Star	70 Cm Repeater
WD4STR	444.525(+) MHz
145.060 + (1.4 MHz)	82.5 PL Tone
440.550 + (5 MHz)	

Main Repeater Site	Backup Repeater Site
Oak Street, Lawrenceville	Lanier Mountain, Snellville

Your cell-phone's ring tone is your Ham radio call sign, sent in Morse Code
<http://www.planetofnoise.com/midi/morse2mid.php>

**The following members are
celebrating birthdays
in June:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS**

First	Last	Callsign
Jan	Jubon	K2HJ
Christopher	Fowler	K4FH
Jim	Gaffney	K4YNA
Bob	Runner	KE4BPR
Ralph	Matchette	KE4IHD
Bill	Van Duynhoven	KE4TVA
Paul	Matchette	KE4VWP
Jerry	Henning	KG4KOQ
Gerrit	Van Vranken	N0GVV
Winslow	Jackson	N1TWX
Brian	Page	N4TRB
John	Ackermann	N8UR
Tom	Power	W8RED
John	Davis	WB4QDX

GARS Recurring Calendar

- Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Check the website <http://www.gars.org> for location.
- Every Monday at 8 p.m.: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2-meter repeater.
- Every Wednesday at 9 p.m.: GARS 6-meter net on the GARS 6-meter repeater.
- Every Saturday at 7:30 a.m.: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville.

**Meeting Minutes
GARS General Meeting May 10, 2011**

1. Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the NAMAR building.

2. Introductions of first time visitors and others present.

3. Business:

A. Treasurer's Report - Ralph Pickwick, KJ4CNC

4. Committee Reports:

Membership – Dave Bruse, W4DTR, reported the following:

- i. Bill Digby, KK4BWE, voted in as a new member
- ii. Paul Hachey, KC4YRV, voted in as a new member
- iii. GARS has 180 active members

5. Sandy Jackson, KJ4DRO, announced the programs for upcoming meetings:

◆ **June program** will be “**Getting Ready For Field Day**” and Ice Cream Social.

◆ **July program** will be “**Ham Radio on Hawaii**” given by Ray Bailey, N4GYN.

6. Earl Whatley, AF4FG, reminded everyone that GARS will be assisting with the Dacula Memorial Day Parade on May 30th. Volunteers are needed to help marshal the parade entries.

7. Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, reminded everyone that there will be a fox hunt/antenna build on June 11th at 1pm. It will be held at the Lowes at 3260 Lawrenceville Suwanee Rd in Suwanee. Attendees must pre-register on GARS website so kit parts can be assembled. Kits cost \$12 and can be purchased on the GARS website via PayPal.

8. Mike Weathers, ND4V, invited everyone to the SEDXC meeting May 19 at the Rich Auditorium. The presentation will be “The eQSL System” given by Dave Morris, N5UP.

9. Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, reminded everyone that Field Day will be held on June 25th and 26th at Sweetwater Park located at 800 Bethesda School Rd.

10. Jeff, AB4HF, announced a new website to promote amateur radio to the public. The website is www.hamsoncams.com. It has streaming video on topics such as HF, digital and D-Star.

11. David Harden, KJ4CMY, announced a forum for new hams on the subject of “Amateur Radio and Natural Disasters” at the LDS Church in Snellville on May 17th at 7pm.

12. Steve Back, WB2OGY, announced that Venture Crew 73 is looking for more youth members.

B R E A K

(Meeting Minutes Cont'd)

The program was "King Spark and Blue Lightning" given by Hal Kennedy, N4GG.

Prize drawings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Hal Collier W4IGE, Secretary



What's new on the WEB SITE?

- ◆ You should notice a change to the user menu. It will change when you log in to give you more options.
- ◆ The Apparel link now features PAYPAL to order your GARS Apparel, as well as downloading an order form.
- ◆ Are you using the web site to renew your membership? You can use PayPal to renew only your GARS membership or become a new member.
- ◆ The ARRL renewal must be done in person with the Treasurer.
- ◆ Do you get the GARZETTE from the web site? It's in the File Download menu selection in the Newsletter Folder.

73, *David KA4KKF*

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Today June 2011 ▾

Print Week Month Agenda ▾

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	29 8pm GARS 2m Net 9pm ARES 2m NET	30	31 Jun 1 9pm GARS ROUND TABLE N	2	3	4 ARC HAMFEST @ Jim Miller 7:30am Breakfast at Golden
5	6 8pm GARS 2m Net 9pm ARES 2m NET	7 6:30pm GARS Exec Meeting	8 9pm GARS ROUND TABLE N	9	10	11 7:30am Breakfast at Golden 1pm Fox Hunt Antenna Build
12	13 8pm GARS 2m Net 9pm ARES 2m NET	14 7pm GARS Meeting	15 9pm GARS ROUND TABLE N	16	17	18 7:30am Breakfast at Golden
19	20 8pm GARS 2m Net 9pm ARES 2m NET	21 9pm GARS ROUND TABLE N	22	23	24 (9:30am) Field Day	25 7:30am Breakfast at Golden
26 Field Day	27 8pm GARS 2m Net 9pm ARES 2m NET	28 9pm GARS ROUND TABLE N	29	30	Jul 1	2 7:30am Breakfast at Golden

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time

Google Calendar

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Metro Testing Sessions

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <http://www.arrl-ga.org>.

First Sunday, ODD Months

2 p.m. (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov)
WCARS VEC
Braselton Public Utility Building
4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA
Roger Gibson, WB4T
(770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560

First Sunday, EVEN Months

2 p.m. (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
WCARS VEC
Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs Rd, Gainesville, GA
Perry Roper, KO4RD
(770) 536-3056

Second Saturday, ODD Months

ARRL VEC
8:30 a.m.
Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Bob Varone, W4ETN
(770) 978-3179

Third Saturday

VEC: CA
9 a.m.
Marietta First United Methodist Church
Room 305
56 Whitlock Avenue
Marietta, GA
Larry Huff, WA4CQZ
(707) 955-3171

Third Saturday

VEC: W5YI
3 p.m. (Except December)
Auburn City Hall Council Room
1369 Fourth Avenue
Auburn, GA
Steve Donellan, N5SMD
(404) 520-0368

Third Sunday

W5YI VEC
3 p.m.
Lawrenceville Masonic Lodge
465 S. Perry St.
Lawrenceville, GA 30044
Frank Sauciunas, KF4TQV
(770) 963-5721

(cont. next column)

Ham Exam results for May 2011

We had a very good ham exam session with seven people taking their exams. Six people that passed their exams went on and attempted to take the next exam element.

There were 9 VE's present:

Frank Sauciunas	KF4TQV
David Bruse	W4DTR
Bill Cherepy	WB4WTN
Robert Pursley	WD4KQQ
Steve Back	WB2OGY
John Kludt	K7SYS
Royce Stovall	KD4EXY
Brian Page	N4TRB
Mark Fehlig	WA6NGC

Ham exam results:

- * 1 failed Technician
- * 5 new Technicians, but failed to pass General
- * 1 new General, but failed to pass Extra.

Thanks to all the Volunteer Examiners that help keep Amateur Radio alive and well.

73, *Frank Sauciunas* KF4TQV

Metro Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC
Southern Polytechnic State University
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club
Georgia Red Cross HQ
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)
N.E. Georgia ARC
Commerce Public Library
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)
PL 123.0

Second Monday

Georgia Tech ARC
Room W218
Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg.
Georgia Tech Campus
Meeting at 7:00 PM

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club
Annistown Road Baptist Church
Intersection of Annistown Rd & Spain Rd
Stone Mountain
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

North GA QRP Club
Board Room of The Shepherd Center at 2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta at 10:00 AM

Third Tuesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio League
Masonic Lodge
194 Milton Avenue
Alpharetta, Georgia
meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

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Thanks and 73s! -- Ralph KJ4CNC

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- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy) ARRL Member (circle one): Yes No Life

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- Individual \$30.00 annually
- Student \$15.00 annually
- Senior \$15.00 annually (over age 65)
- Family ** \$35.00 annually

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Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy) ARRL Member (circle one): Yes No Life

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (mm/dd/yyyy) ARRL Member (circle one): Yes No Life

I agree to abide by the By-Laws of the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society and understand that membership is subject to the approval of the Club.

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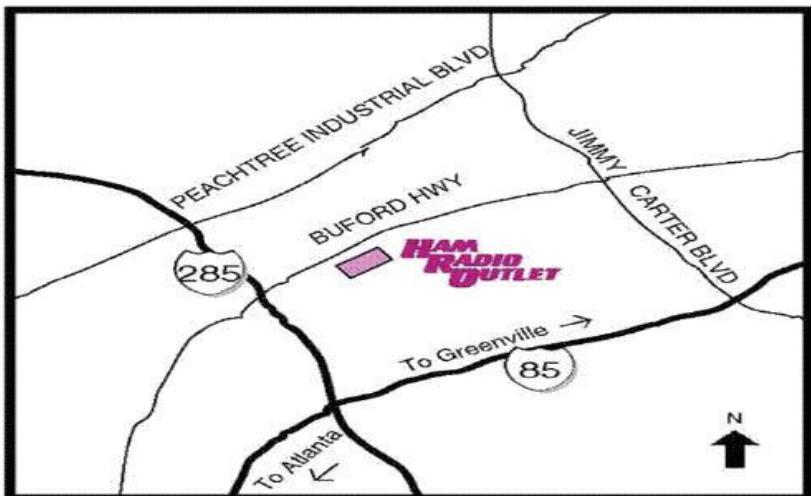
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